

City Council
Study Session Summary
May 23, 2017
Library Meeting Room, 951 Spruce Street
7:00 PM

The City Council met in a study session at 7:00 p.m. in the 1st Floor Meeting Room at the Louisville Public Library at 951 Spruce Street, Louisville, Colorado. The following persons were present:

City Council Present: Mayor Bob Muckle
Council member Jay Keany
Council member Susan Loo
Council member Ashley Stolzmann

Staff Present: Malcolm Fleming, City Manager
Heather Balser, Deputy City Manager
Joe Stevens, Parks and Recreation Director
Rob Zuccaro, Planning and Building Safety Director
Dawn Burgess, Executive Assistant to the City Manager

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Muckle

Discussion – Recreation Advisory Board Options

Director Joe Stevens said discussion of a potential Recreation Advisory Board was placed on the agenda at Council request for consideration. Mayor Muckle is in favor of a Recreation Board that covers recreation and golf but is unsure if seniors and horticulture??? should be folded in.

Council member Susan Loo said the Parks and Public Landscaping Advisory Board (PPLAB) is working on public land management policy. That issue will lose momentum if they are rolled into a Recreation board. They are working on land issues. Council member Loo said she has heard from tennis people that they feel they have been left out of the recreation conversation. Stevens said there are new courts in Centennial. Seniors may not want to be part of recreation board. Council member Loo believes Youth Advisory Board (YAB) should not be rolled in when you consider original mission of YAB.

City Manager Malcolm Fleming said seniors are already independent of the City and not a City board.

Council member Keany said the meetings would be open to the public so tennis people, swim groups, etc can all attend. He feels all applicants should apply. He does not feel we need specific members from specific interest groups. He believes the City should reinstate the IGA with BVSD regarding lighted courts. Lights were installed by the City for the benefit of the public. Council member Keany supports a Recreation Board which would include golf. He does not think PPLAB should be rolled in.

Council member Ashley Stolzmann is struggling with this. What are we trying to accomplish? She is ok with having a board but we should know what we want from the board. Stevens agrees with this point.

Stevens said perhaps we should have a task force which could help address questions arising from new facility. Maybe have the task force prior to the committee. OSAB has an exact mission and do it well.

Council member Keany said the Golf Course Advisory Board ran its course. Maybe we don't need an advisory board. If the Recreation Board is asked to look at financials, they could make a recommendation to Council regarding fees.

Mayor Muckle asked whether we need someone to advocate for Parks and Recreation?

Mayor Muckle said we need to have this discussion at a regular meeting in order to give direction

Council member Stolzmann wants the board to be structured well and have clear direction. Ie: what are the proposed set of duties?

Mayor Muckle would like Stevens to suggest what would be helpful for the proposed board to accomplish and to reach out to Council members not in attendance tonight.

Discussion – Subdivision Zoning Variances

Director Zuccaro reviewed the presentation included in the packet. Issue is does Council want to change procedure for zoning variances to include Planning Commission and Council reviewing the variance requests when related to a subdivision proposal instead of the Board of Adjustment?

Is having applicants go through the Planning Commission and City Council review a good process as compared to having to go to the Board of Adjustment as a separate review? Does that reveal good result?

Director Zuccaro discussed the pros and cons, included in the packet, of such a change.

Mayor Muckle would like to see the process be more like what Cherry Hills Village and Wheat Ridge have that includes Planning Commission and City Council review rather than Board of Adjustment review. He likes language on impact on surrounding properties.

Council member Stolzmann agrees that the process can be streamlined. She believes there are issues with BOA. She does not agree with how criteria are being applied. She believes the issues on BOA need to be addressed. She would also like to look at street vs alley issue. Mayor Muckle also wants to talk about alley vs. street issue.

Council member Keany agrees with Council member Stolzmann and Mayor Muckle. City feels bound by BOA decision. Council member Keany would like to make variances part of Planning and Council process. He also wants to look at alley vs. street issue.

Council member Loo agrees. She also would like to discuss alley vs. subdivision.

City Manager's Report & Advanced Agenda

City Manager Fleming has been at GFOA conference. "ERP Lessons learned" session was interesting. The question was asked of municipalities that just went through ERP processes: Was it worth it? The answer was the municipalities are not saving money but the new systems are providing data, better services, streamlining processes.

Identification of Future Agenda Items

Add PPLAB to Advanced Agenda – October 10th

Adjourn 8:30 pm

*Submitted by – Dawn Burgess
May 24, 2017*